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At the Court at St. James's, February 23. 1714.

THIS Day the Right Honourable William Lord Berkley of Stratton, was, by his Majesty's Command, Sworn one of the Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

St. James's February 25. The following Address has been presented to his Majesty.

An humble Address of the Grand Inquest for the Body of the Island of Barbadoes, at his Majesty's Court of Grand Sessions holden in St. Michael's Town; presented to his Majesty by James Campbell, Esq; Agent for that Island, introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Stanhope, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State;

Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Constantinople, Jan. 9. Since the Declaration of War against the Republick of Venice, some Particulars have been divulged of what passed in the great Divan wherein that Affair was proposed and determined; of which Particulars the most remarkable is, That some Men of the Law having objected, that the entering into a War with the Venetians might occasion a Rupture with other Neighbouring Powers, and particularly with the Emperour, the Vizier Answer'd, that the Port was secure on that side; which coming to the Imperial Resident's Knowledge, and being contrary to the Declarations he had made to the Vizier, he demanded an Audience of that Minister, who declined admitting him by answering, that if he had only to repeat the same Representations which he had offered before, and had no new Matter to propose, it was needless to give himself the Trouble. Some Days after another great Divan was held in the Seraglio in the Grand Signior's Presence, wherein the Resolution taken in the former was confirmed, and the Prayer for good Success again made. The Ministers of the Port are not without Apprehension that the Emperour may enter into this War; wherefore to amuse the Imperial Court as long as they can, they have dispatched one Ibrahim Aga to Vienna in the Quality of Envoy: In the mean while the Turks are repairing and augmenting the Fortifications of Belgrade, and design to furnish those Frontiers well with Troops, to be ready to observe the Imperialists and defend their Places in case of Need. The Grand Signior hath sent a Vest and Sabre to the Tartar Han, and ordered about 20000 Tartars to be ready: 'Tis believed they are designed for the Frontiers of Hungary. As it is the Custom of this Court to cultivate a good Understanding with the French, when they enter into any War wherein the Emperour may be concerned, so they now favour that Nation in all their Affairs in this Country, and shew great Partiality for them and Confidence in them. These Ministers have expressed great Joy upon the News which they have received of the King of Sweden's safe Arrival at Stralsund. The Horse-Tails were expos'd the 31st past, about 40 Days after which 'tis the Custom of the Turks to march out and encamp near Daud Passaw, an Houle belonging to the Sultan about a League from this City, where they generally stay a Fortnight or three Weeks, and then break up and march towards Adrianople. They will certainly be in the Field sooner this Year than usual, and 'tis computed that the Vizier will arrive with the Army in the Morea before the end of May: They reckon they have already 30000 Men on those Frontiers. Their Land Army will be more numerous in Foot than that which acted against the Muscovites; but they have no experienced Commanders, and few old Officers, and their Men are raw, without being used to Discipline or Exercise in Arms. 'Tis generally believed their Design is to

lay Siege to Napoli di Romania, which Place is extremely strong by its Situation, and is fit to be well fortified and provided with a good Garrison, Ammunition and Provisions for two Years and the Provéditore-General Sig. Dellino is now there, adding some new Outworks to the Place. The Turkish Fleet, which will consist of about 40 Ships of the Line besides 20 Gallies, and a certain Number of Half Gallies, Fregattines and Cangis a Bathes, (which last two are small Vessels fit for carrying and landing 40 Men) is in great Forwardness: But 'tis judged they will scarce be able to find half their Complement of good Seamen, and they are in great want of Officers and Gunners, for a supply of which they have dispatched Chiaouxes to the Governments of Barbary. The Chiaouxler Emini and the Imperial Interpreter are returned from Dulcigno where they have retrieved only 30 of the 300 Germans and Neapolitans whom the Corsairs of that Place had taken and made Slaves. A Persian Ambassador, designed for the Court of France, was lately stopp'd here. The Ministers of the Port, who could not well suffer him to pass openly, thought fit to connive at it, and so gave him leave to make a Pilgrimage to Mecca: On the way, near Scanderona, he was permitted to steal from the Caravan, and embark with part of his Servants on a French Tartan: His Secretary and Treasurer went down to Smyrna with the rest of his Servants and Baggage, and took Shipping there.

Paris, Feb. 22. Mehemet Riza Beg, Ambassador Extraordinary of Persia, had a publick Audience of the King at Versailles the 20th. The Marshal de Malignon and the Baron de Breteuil carried him in the King's Coach, to the House of his Majesty's first Groom of the Bed-Chamber, which stands at a little Distance from Versailles, where all sorts of Refreshments were provided for him and his Retinue. The Horse which the Ambassador was to mount, stood ready for him there, with Horses of the King's Stable for his Retinue; and the March from thence was in this Order, viz. the Coaches of the said Marshal and Baron each preceded by three of their Servants on Horseback; 12 of the King's Saddle-Horses with magnificent Furniture, led by his Majesty's Grooms; 4 of the King's Saddle-Horses with Persian Furniture, led by Persians; 12 of the Ambassador's Persian Fusileers on Foot with their Pieces advanced; several of the Ambassador's Servants on Horseback; the Secretary officiating at the Reception of the Ambassadors; the Ambassador's Moulas, or Doctor of the Mahometan Law; his Treasurer, a Page carrying his Pipe; the 8 Trumpeters of the King's Chamber; Agoubchah, an Armenian, on Horseback, bearing in both Hands the King of Persia's Present and Letter to his Majesty, wrapped up in a Piece of Silk flowred with Gold, the Key of the Box in which they were brought from Persia having been intrusted to his keeping at Erivan; the Ambassador's Master of the Ceremonies, and the Interpreter by his Side; the Ambassador on one of the King's Horses with Persian Furniture, the Marshal de Malignon on his Right, and the Baron de Breteuil on his Left, all three in Front; the Ambassador's Persian and Armenian Footmen round his Horse, the Marshal and Barons Liveries by the side of theirs; the Ambassador's Master of the Horse on Horseback, bearing the King of Persia's Standard, and a Page who bore the Ambassador's Scimitar rested on his Thigh; the King's Coach closed the March. The Ambassador's Fusileers left their Pieces at the Gate of the Fore-Court of the Palace, and proceeded on unarmed: In the Fore Court, the Ambassador passed through the French and Swiss Guards, who to the Number of 2000 Men, were under Arms in two Lines, the Drums beating: His Master of the Horse left the Standard of Persia without the Gate of the King's Court, where the Guards of the Gate stood ranged in two Lines

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